

FEBRUARY 25, 1833.

Read the first time.

MARCH 2, 1833.

Laid on table.

Mr. HOWARD, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To amend an act entitled an act regulating passenger ships, and vessels.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 whenever a vessel shall be about to depart from the United
4 States, or the territories thereof, to any foreign port or place,
5 and the master thereof shall be of opinion that a greater num-
6 ber of passengers can be accommodated on board than are al-
7 lowed to be transported under the act of March second, one
8 thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act regu-
9 lating passenger ships, and vessels;" such master may make
10 application to the collector of the port from which such ves-
11 sel is about to sail, and the collector shall, thereupon, proceed
12 to inspect such vessel, and if he shall be of opinion that a
13 greater number of passengers than two for every five tons can
14 be transported, with entire comfort and propriety, he shall be
15 authorized to grant permission to such master to transport as
16 many passengers as, in the opinion of the collector, the vessel

17 can properly accommodate: *Provided, however,* That not more
18 than three adult passengers shall be carried for every five
19 tons of such vessel, according to her custom-house measure-
20 ment.